



# St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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## VESTRY

**2025**  
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**2026**  
Kathy Bullard  
Doug McDowell  
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**2027**  
Linda Mason  
Ed Preneta  
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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

# The Word of God

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

Second Reading                      1 Corinthians 1:10–18

◆HYMN                      *The people who in darkness walked* (vv. 4–5)    Hymnal 126

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to fish for people, to bait the hook of our lives with the good news of Your loving salvation. Give us the strength to be caught up ourselves, too, in the net of Your grace and truth. We pray, responding, Make us fishers of people, Lord.

For Your church, the net that is called to be Your voice in the world, Your heart and mind, Your wisdom and truth. Make us a part of Your Church as we pray,  
**Make us fishers of people, Lord!**

For the leaders of the world, including the United States, especially our President and Congress, that they may hear Your call to humility and grace; may we speak truth to power with Your voice, as we pray, **Make us fishers of people Lord!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Andrea Hunt, John Beer, Jer H., Bob C., Michael R., Sara, Don, Barrett, Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Karen, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and for all we pray for now, silently or aloud *[pause here]*  
... We pray, **Make us fishers of people, Lord!**

For all who have died, especially Kathryn Cone, and all others we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Make us fishers for people, Lord!**

*Celebrant:* God, we pray for the parish community of St. James that we, like our patron saint, may answer Your call to be fishers of souls, lovers of Your creation. Guide us as we prepare for our Annual Meeting, and order our lives by Your wisdom and will. We pray, in the name of the Holy Fisherman, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died that He may gather us all to Himself. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

## The Holy Communion

Offertory *Turn Back, O Man* Gustav Holst

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

\*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

\**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 125

\*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

\*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

*Gluten-free hosts are available.*

Communion Hymns: WLP 758, 661, 304

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

## Announcements

◆HYMN *My God, thy table now is spread* Hymnal 321

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

◆ You are invited to stand, as able. \* You are invited to kneel, as able.

BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

WLP refers to *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, found in the pew book rack.

## *Serving this week*

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Erik & Ella Ososki
Altar Guild		Nina Hayes & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Armen Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegriss
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Grier Torrence
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer		Marge Litteral
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Jim & Jane Vallee

Today's altar flowers are given in honor of my church family,

~ Dianne Antos



**We welcome** all who are guests with us this week – we are so glad you are here! Please fill out one of the small cards in the pew rack and hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better.

**Music for the 10:15 am worship service** is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

**Join us online for worship this morning!** Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on** Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

**Wednesday mid-day service:** join us for Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in the Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, you are invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – brown bag or something to warm up) and time for conversation in the parish hall. All are welcome!



**The 2025 St. James Parish Annual Meeting will be held TODAY at 11:45 am in the parish hall.** Please sign-in as you arrive at the Meeting, if you are a parish member so that we might establish a quorum. We will vote on the budget, elect new Vestry members, and report on the overall state of things at St. James Parish. Thank you for all that you do to be Christ's light in and from this place.

**Bible Study:** we continue our study for Epiphany using Fleming Rutledge's little book *Epiphany: Season of Glory*, as a text to engage the wider implications of our faith and life with Christ through the often-minimized season of Epiphany. The books are \$20, but please let Fr. George know if this is a challenge for you; there will be no issue. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 pm with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

**The lectionary readings** for Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> are:

Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12.



**Faith & Fries!** On Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join us for *Faith & Fries* at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 Main Street in Unionville.

Come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you. We will be talking about what God reveals to us in Jesus during this time of Epiphany. What does the world reveal to you? What does God, conversely or in concert with the world, reveal to you? We invite all to come as they are able and please, feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker! Call the church with questions.

**First Sunday Breakfast:** Find delicious food and fellowship at *First Sunday Breakfasts* cooked by a great crew of men of the parish: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee as good as Mom made. A gluten-free option will also be available. And, of course, much good conversation! So, join us **next Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am–9:45 am**, bring your family and neighbors, and share in the great food from our Men's Group.



**Feast of the Presentation of our Lord: Candlemas.** On Monday, February 2, at 10 am, instead of Morning Prayer, we will commemorate Candlemas in the Chapel. The service will include Holy Eucharist, along with the blessing of candles and the traditional blessing of throats (typically tied to February 3<sup>rd</sup> but often moved in the Anglican tradition to February 2<sup>nd</sup>). For more on the blessing of throats see <https://trinitycovington.org/news/blessing-of-the-throats-feb-4> but ignore the dates that they are using. Bring candles from home so that they might receive a blessing, too. Note: Light incense will be used at Holy Communion or the beginning of the service.



**Save the date: On Shrove Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** (the day before Ash Wednesday), we will hold our Annual Chili Cookoff! The Cookoff is always a lot of fun of really good chili, fellowship, and this year we will also be raising money for our Dominican Mission project. More to come!!

## *Women's Ministry*

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm, *SUFFS the musical*.** We have a great group of 25 going to this Tony award Broadway winning musical celebrating women of the American suffragist movement. Meet Linda Mason in the Mortensen Hall entrance lobby (Bushnell in Hartford) well before showtime to pick-up your tickets!

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, *Prudence Crandall Valentine Care Project*** - our fellow parishioner Christina DeFranco has asked for our help filling 100 beautiful bags for women at Prudence Crandall for Valentines. She has done this project for 7 years, this year we can help in the project. We will meet in the Parish Hall and work to fill the bags and make them lovely.

**Coffee Hour signups:** Many thanks to those who have hosted our time of fellowship this year! **The 2026 signup is now on the parish hall ramp bulletin board, offering you the opportunity to host a Coffee Hour in the New Year!** On your day, you make regular & decaffeinated coffee and then clean up after Coffee Hour. You may signup for as many Sundays as you'd like – or just one! Signup to work alone or with a friend or two! Providing simple snacks (cookies, cupcakes, maybe a small gluten-free option) is nice, but ***not*** necessary to volunteer for this ministry.



**The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar** is posted in the narthex (church entryway). Please sign-up for a Sunday when you would like to donate and dedicate the flowers for the day's services; there are lots of available dates! Note: there will be no altar flowers during Lent.

## *Outreach Corner*

**Food Pantry Collection Month:** The Pantry has requested that we focus our donations on paper products, feminine hygiene and adult incontinence products, cooking oil, and canned meats (Spam, chicken, tuna, etc.). Please, bring your donations to the narthex to the box labeled *Farmington Food Pantry*. Food and monetary contributions may, of course, be made any time of the year! If you wish to make a monetary contribution, write the check out to *St. James Parish* with *Farmington Food Pantry* in the note section. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Church by the Pond on February 7<sup>th</sup>:** St. James will partner with Christ Church Cathedral's "Church Street Eats" program to host Church by the Pond in Bushnell Park in Hartford. Fr. George Roberts will offer a service, and then we will provide bagged lunches to the approximately 50-60 people who gather there. There is a poster in the narthex to sign up for the items needed for the bagged lunches. Additionally, we ask for volunteers to make the lunches at the church in the morning as well as people to go to the event in Bushnell Park to help and distribute the lunches. If you have any questions, call Kathy Bullard @ 860-673-6444.

**Hearing assist support upgrade:** We have an upgrade to our sanctuary audio system which should clear up volume issues some have experienced on the livestream and in the worship space itself. Please let us know if those issues are unresolved for you at home. There is a discreetly placed Wi-Fi station that should help folks with hearing impairments. We have four devices which can be found on the table in the narthex (ask ushers for help, if needed). The process is simple and below; if you have an iPhone or Android, you can use your phone:

- + Get one of our hearing aid devices
- + Log into to *St. James Par* (our Wi-Fi network) with password *St.Jofc2010*
- + Go to the App Store and download *Wavecast* audio receiver (Williams).
- + Once you have the app, open it, and click on Search by channel or name
- + Adjust the volume on the hearing aid device (each device comes with simple instructions).

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.  
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &  
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

### COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

### GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

### THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.  
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

